

REMARKS

On March 14, 2005, the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned representative discussed the claims in this application. The Examiner proposed that the application would be allowable if the claims were amended as provided in this Amendment.

The undersigned appreciates the Examiner's suggestions regarding allowable subject matter for this application. Support for the claim amendments may be found in the original specification on page 32.

In view of the amendment of the claims to conform with the language agreed to by the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered and the application allowed. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application further, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 202-408-4086.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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